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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicant(s): Yoshihiro YAMAGUCHI et al

Serial No. : 10/723,796

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For : PLASMA CUTTING PROCESS
AND MACHINE

Art Unit : 3742

Examiner : Mark H. Paschall

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
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Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2 of
this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1 and 3-5
are amended, and claim 2 is maintained.

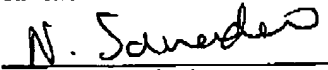
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